

a pennant. Should the Rowlands win four games out of five from the Red Sox, and that is certainly a liberal estimate, they will only be gaining three games, and will still be four behind. Should they win five straight they would have a chance, and a fairly good one, but it isn't reasonable to suppose that anything of the kind will occur.

Three out of five will be a little better than the season's average between the two teams.

Comiskey seems to have taken care of that third-base position on his team. Johns is a young man and coming faster all the time. He fields as well as any third sacker in the circuit and has hit at an even pace. In but two or three games has he failed to get at least one bingle, and his wallops have been unusually timely. He was a big factor in the result yesterday, clubbing a triple and two singles that drove in four runs, besides the one he counted on his own hook.

If a first-class man could be secured to start the 1916 season at first base then the White Sox undoubtedly would start the season favorites for the flag. In every other department the team is well fortified. But neither John Collins nor Fournier is capable of holding down the initial stop in a manner befitting a big leaguer.

Today the White Sox drop off in Pittsburgh to play an exhibition game with the Pirates. They begin in Boston tomorrow.

There is a fine chance that the Cubs will land a victory today, as they play against the team in McHenry, Ill. The team came home from St. Louis and was here for a few hours, leaving this morning for the push.

It is probable that when Bresnahan gets his men home for a stand against the east he will make some experiments with the new material secured. Certainly McCarthy, secured from Pittsburgh, will be put to work on the infield, probably at third

base. If Schultz recovers the use of his arm he will get a job of work at some other post in the inner wall, probably relieving Fisher. Zimmerman will be shifted to short in this event.

Flueher, the outfielder from the University of Pennsylvania, is also due for a thorough trial. The youngster was a sensation in college circles and has been on Bresnahan's lists since he was in short pants. Roger is through trying to win with oldsters and will tear up the team in an effort to get a winner, or something that may be developed into a winner.

Cubs couldn't hit Ames and Lavender issued two costly passes. That explains St. Louis' victory, which made three out of four and anchored Cubs in fifth place.

This is an off day for the Whales. Tomorrow they play in Chillicothe against the same team which defeated the White Sox in Henry, Ill., a short time ago. Then home for the big doings Saturday, when Joe Tinker day will be celebrated.

Mordecai Brown is being prepared to pitch this game, and Tinker will try to make the occasion a big one with a victory. He believes the club still has a chance for the flag if a spurt can be started against the eastern teams. The Whales slid into third place yesterday because they were idle, and are now four games and a half behind the flying Pittfeds.

Braves slaughtered Marquard, then beat Rucker, double win putting them in second place. Compton got four hits and Schmidt and Smith three each in first.

Phils battled three Giant pitchers hard. Paskert and Merkle cracked homers. Chalmers had an easy time.

Red Sox broke losing streak in second game against Macks, batting in eight runs in first inning. Sheehan, Mack's best young boxman, out-pitched Leonard in first. Gregg won second. Gardner made five hits.

Johnson fanned ten Yanks and allowed six hits, outpitching Shawkey,